

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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'Strive to succeed in the presence of God'

TOGETHER as a Catholic community **EVERYONE** – children, staff, parents, carers and parish – **ACHIEVES** in their own unique way and tries to be **MORE** like Jesus.

Assemblies

On Monday, Mrs Baptiste talked to the children about the qualities Jesus had: kindness, patience, understanding, being loving, caring. However, he also showed anger when people were not behaving well. They watched a clip from a film of Jesus cleansing the temple which had been the story from Sunday's Gospel.

On Wednesday, Miss Murphy talked to the Infants about Mother's Day. She showed photos of lots of the staff's mums! We prayed for all mums, mums who are unwell or who are no longer with us.

RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday the Junior children had a Reconciliation Service with Fr John. Priests came from various local parishes; our own Fr Mehall, Mr Witon (St George's), Fr Emmanuel (St Edmund's) and Fr Gabriele (Our Lady of Lourdes) and the children were given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHURCH VISIT

On Monday, Fr John took **Year 1** on a tour of St Monica's Church. He showed them the tabernacle, vestments, the various statues and lots more.

AUDITION DAY

The audition day for the **Year 5** Music Assembly is Wednesday 14th March. All Year 5 instrumentalists are invited to perform. They will need to bring music, including any piano accompaniments, and play for me during the class music lesson. Only pupils who auditioned on the 14th can be considered for the assembly. I would really encourage all children learning an instrument to play - we love to hear how you are doing! *Ms Phillips*

LION KING

Year 3 had a **ROARING** afternoon watching 'Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday.

World Book Day

On Thursday, a little later than previously advertised, the children and staff celebrated World Book Day. There was an amazing array of wonderful costumes and everyone had an enjoyable day.

TEA PARTY

The **Reception** mothers were treated to a lovely afternoon today. They were told how special they all are and how much they are loved. There was not a dry eye in the hall. We hope everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to Fr John for coming in and giving a blessing to them all.

Art Competition

The North London Catenians are holding a drawing competition based on Easter for all primary children. There's a prize for the best entry. Details in St Monica's Church porch.

FOOTBALL

Our girls' football team played in two league matches on Tuesday. They won 4-3 against Oakthorpe Primary and lost 5-3 to St Michael's at Bowes Primary. Everyone played their best, well done girls!!

NSPCC

The children had a great workout this morning - a circuit of warming-up activities and then a 'Daily Mile' run around the track marked in the Junior playground. Hopefully, everyone will sleep well tonight! The children now need to collect their sponsorship money and bring it into school asap next week - but by **WEDNESDAY** 14th. Please make sure the money is inside the named envelope so that the organisers can make sure the children get a reward badge. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

- Friday 9th March – Friends' Comedy Night 7.00pm
- Monday 12th March – Science Week, various activities throughout the week
- Tuesday 13th March – Boys' football match at Southgate Secondary School, please refer to letter
- Wednesday 14th March – National Sing-Up Day
- Wednesday 14th March – NSPCC sponsorship money due in
- Thursday 15th March – 1G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 1G parents are invited
- Thursday 15th March – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 9.00pm.

FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who brought in bags for Monday's HappySchoolBag collection, an amazing £1,113.45 was raised. As **6G** brought in the most bags (102), they had their non-uniform day on Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Tottle-Nugent who gave 6G such a helping hand with the bags!

Thank you to all the children that came to the after school film night, you helped us raise close to £550.

The Friends

PRAYER

**I love you, Mum. I love your aliveness,
your joy in living, your understanding,
your giving.
And what I love best of all is that you love me.
God of all Mothers,
thank you for my Mum!**



Have a lovely weekend!